

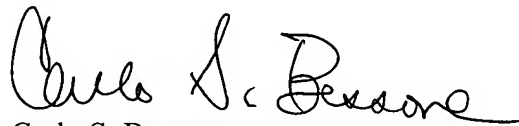
REMARKS

Claims 1-25 remain in this Application. The Examiner has acknowledged that Claims 1-9 and 19-25 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Claims 10, 15, 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,720,718, which issued to Trent et al and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,188,164, which issued to Brown et al. The Examiner has objected to Claims 11-14 and 16 as being dependent upon rejected base Claim 10. The claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In an effort to expedite prosecution, independent Claim 10 has been amended to include the limitation of Claim 16 (now canceled). Claims 11-15 and 17-18 are dependent on independent Claim 10, and therefore includes all recitations thereof.

The Application with Claims 1-15 and 17-25 is deemed in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully urged. Should the Examiner believe that minor differences exist which, if overcome, would pass the Application to allowance and that said differences can be discussed in a phone conversation, the Examiner is respectfully requested to phone the undersigned at the number provided below.

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